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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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King publicly announced on  
7/7/65 that he plans to spend  
some time in Chicago beginning  
7/24/65 to fight for "quality  
integrated education for the  
children of Chicago." *U*

We do not notify King of threats  
against his person. Appropriate  
police agencies advised. We will  
disseminate to Department and the  
military. *U*

RFB:hmm

*[Handwritten marks: a small 'A' and a large oval]*

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI CHICAGO

1007 AM CDST URGENT 7/8/65 JLS  
TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA (100-5586)  
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) 2P

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
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Mr. Trotter ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JULY  
TWENTY FOURTH, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.

AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM, JULY EIGHTH INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROTECT) ADVISED THE FBI, CHICAGO,  
THAT HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE STATING THAT HE WAS  
GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT INDICATE  
TIME, DATE, OR PLACE. [REDACTED] STATED CALLER INDICATED HE WAS CALLING  
FROM O'HARE FIELD, CHICAGO, AND IN [REDACTED] OPINION WAS INTOXICATED.

AT SEVEN THIRTEEN AM, JULY EIGHTH INSTANT, UNKNOWN MALE CALLED  
CHICAGO OFFICE OF FBI INQUIRING IF THE FBI IS GOING TO PROTECT  
MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ADDED NOT TO PUT WHITE MEN IN FRONT "BECAUSE  
WE DON'T WANT TO KILL WHITE MEN". CALLER INDICATED THEY INTEND TO  
KILL KING ABOUT THE TWENTY FOURTH OF JULY, WHEN HE IS IN CHICAGO.

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CALLER INDICATED HE WAS FROM TEXAS AND WAS CALLING FROM NEAR O'HARE  
FIELD, CHICAGO. CALLER INDICATED HIS GROUP IS FOR GOLDWATER AND  
INCLUDED AMONG THEIR ENEMIES THE BLACK MUSLIMS AND THE "REST OF THE  
REDS IN TOWN". *u*

CHICAGO PD ADVISED. *RECEIVED AT 10:10 /* *u*  
*10:10 DEPT.*

ATLANTA ADVISE ATLANTA PD OF THREAT. *u*

END

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# Memorandum

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-2-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN JAMES MARTIN  
(R. - ALABAMA)

b7(c) At the request of Congressman Martin to see an Agent, SA [REDACTED] called on Congressman Martin on July 1, 1965. The Congressman related he will be obtaining within the next day or two copies of a special Alabama Legislative Committee Report concerning various civil rights organizations which have been active in the state. This report, according to an article in the June 30, 1965, issue of "The Washington Post" (copy enclosed) contains allegations that various civil rights organizations are communist infiltrated or dominated.

b7(c) Congressman Martin declared he is aware of various reports to the effect that Martin Luther King has a communist background. He said he has talked with the President about this, urging the President to let the American people know the truth. He said the President was somewhat condescending in his attitude perhaps because the Congressman is both an Alabamian and a Republican. The Congressman stated he knows full well that as an Alabamian and a Republican he is not the proper person to expose Martin Luther King but as an American he sincerely feels the people of the Nation should know the truth about this man.

Congressman Martin wanted to know if he sent a copy of the Alabama Legislative Committee Report to the FBI would we confirm or deny the allegations contained in the Report. He was told that this would not be possible since information in FBI files is confidential. He then asked where he might obtain some authoritative guidance as to the validity of the Report. He was told that he might wish to consider forwarding the report to the Attorney General with the request that the Department of Justice advise him of its validity. He stated he would do this although he seriously doubted that his request would be honored.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

DWB: [REDACTED] ENCLOSURE

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M. A. Jones to L. J. Jones Memo  
RE: CONGRESSMAN AMES MARTIN

Congressman Martin declared he is genuinely concerned about the type of people who are involved in and heading the so-called civil rights movement. He said, however, he does not intend to make rash statements or charges which he cannot support with fact. He then commented that he has in his files information regarding immorality on the part of civil rights demonstrators. He stated on the day he called on the President at the White House there was a demonstration in progress wherein "beatniks" had been sleeping and sitting on the sidewalks in front of the White House for some time. As he left the White House he asked one of the guards present if there had been any immoral activities on the part of the demonstrators since he noted males and females were using the same blankets. He said the guard told him there certainly had been.

Congressman Martin said he wrote the chief of police asking about this and a month later received copies of numerous affidavits executed by all the police officers on duty around the White House during the demonstration. He said the gist of these affidavits was that numerous officers observed movement under the blankets but took no action since they were under instructions not to bother the demonstrators unless they started trouble.

Congressman Martin said he considers what obviously took place at the White House an utter disgrace.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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*J. M. Shaw*  
*GRC*



# Report in Alabama Rips Rights Groups As Red-Dominated

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 29 (AP)—A special legislative committee charged today that the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), a leading civil rights organization, is "extensively Communist dominated."

The Commission to Preserve the Peace also said in a written report to the Alabama Legislature that:

- The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is "an important arm of the pro-Communist conspiracy and a dedicated agent working toward the Sovietizing of America."

- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is "actively engaged in promoting the Communist line" and is "substantially under control of Communists."

Dr. King, the Committee report said, "is probably not a member of the Communist Party, USA, nor any identified Communist splinter party." But, it charged, "the 10-year history of his rise to prominence through advocating social revolution is part and parcel of the Communist operation in America during the same period."

The report said Dr. King "has amassed an amazing number of Communist 'fronts'" and "has been closely, even intimately, associated with persons who have been officially labeled under oath before congressional committees as Communists."

(In Atlanta, Dr. King said the Committee's charges were "another attempt to evade the fact that democracy does not exist in Alabama.")

(Julian Bond of Atlanta, public information director for SNCC and newly elected Georgia state representative, said: "It is a typical response from a typical Southern legislature that knows if the Negroes in Alabama could register to vote freely then they wouldn't be sitting in their seats today.")

(James Farmer, national director of CORE, said in Durham, N.C., where CORE is holding its national convention:

("The charges made today

... would be too ludicrous to answer if they were not so serious. The charge that CORE or its leadership is now pro-Communist or is heading in that direction is false, completely and entirely false.")

The five-man Committee was created by the Legislature in the wake of racial troubles in Birmingham two years ago to investigate individuals and groups "who may be engaged in activities of an unlawful nature against the sovereignty of the state . . . and which may be detrimental to the peace and dignity of the state . . ."

The chairman of the investigating Committee is State Rep. John Hawkins of Jefferson County. The other members are Reps. Hugh Locke of Jefferson and Alton Turner of Crenshaw County and Sens. Jimmy Clark of Barbour and E. O. Eddins of Marengo.

With only two full time employees, a staff director and secretary, the Committee said it reached its findings from information gathered by the staff, by part time investigators, on hearings at which witnesses voluntarily appeared, and from contacts with law enforcement officers.

The 39-page report described SNCC as "an extremely dangerous, irresponsible group which tends to promote acts of violence to gain support for their own goals."

It said SNCC leadership "substantially follows the Communist Party line," and labeled the organization "an agent for the Communist conspiracy."

The Committee said SNCC constitutes "one of the most serious attempts by the Communists in America, with support of Red China, Cuba and Communist nations in Africa, to effect a violent overthrow of existing governments, state and Federal, in the United States."

The report added that "we are further faced with the growing attempt of Black Muslim groups to join hands with SNCC and other groups on the far left."

In its report on CORE, the Committee referred to "large number of Communist agents working under CORE banners."

The report said CORE "is moving even more into active Communist identification. The dozen top leaders . . . including the director, James Farmer, and its field secretary, James Peck, have impressive pro-Communist records."

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"The Washington Post"  
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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)  
 FROM LOS ANGELES (100-57229)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

b7(c)

KING AND PARTY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES VIA DELTA AIRLINES  
 FLIGHT 820 AT 2:35 AM JULY 12 INSTANT TO ARRIVE ATLANTA 9:42 AM  
 JULY 12 INSTANT.

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 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (100-1472)(RUC)  
 RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SM - C

Re Bureau airtel, 7/1/65.

The photograph of JOHN REUBEN REED, aka, has been viewed by the Agents of the Mobile Office who have worked racial matters in the Selma and Montgomery areas and who have seen KING and his party in the past. None of the Agents could identify the photograph of REED as anyone seen previously with KING in Selma or Montgomery.

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R. J. [signature]

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FBI NEW YORK

6-29 PM EDT URGENT 7-8-65 MFR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ---12---/100-106670/ ATLANTA /100-5586/ AND  
LOS ANGELES --- ENCODED---

FROM NEW YORK /100-136585/ 1 PAGE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C OO..ATLANTA.

[REDACTED] WHOSE INFO IS TO BE  
CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~", ADVISED JULY EIGHT INSTANT, THAT BERNARD LEE, ASSIS  
TANT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, TOLD CLARENCE JONES THAT THEY WERE PASSING  
THROUGH NEW YORK ON WAY TO COAST AND WOULD BE IN CALIFORNIA THE NIGHT  
OF JULY EIGHT, THAT PLANE WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ONE THIRTY PM,  
JULY EIGHT. LEE ALSO STATED THAT THEY WILL BE AT INTERNATIONAL INN,  
LOS ANGELES AND WILL BE THERE UNTIL SUNDAY /JULY ELEVEN/. LEE ALSO STAT-  
ED THAT WSCLS /PROBABLY WEST COAST SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFER  
ENCE/ IS HAVING CONVENTION OUT THERE. LHM FOLLOWS.

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URGENT 7-8-65 12:50 AM  
 TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
 FROM LOS ANGELES 090130

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: SM-C.

RE ATLANTA RADIOGRAM JULY 8 INSTANT.

b(1) [REDACTED] KING SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE  
 LOS ANGELES FROM CHICAGO 7:35 PM, JULY 8 INSTANT, AND WILL  
 STAY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT  
 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

b7(D) [REDACTED], TOLD [REDACTED] KING  
 WILL STAY AT HOTEL ALTHOUGH NOT YET REGISTERED.

KING'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AS FOLLOWS:

JULY 9 NEXT, 11 AM, PRESS CONFERENCE, INTERNATIONAL  
 HOTEL, FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON 12 NOON, ZION HILL CHURCH, AT  
 7 PM, TAPE TV PROGRAM, KNXT TV FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE DINNER  
 ENGAGEMENT.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 NEXT, LUNCHEON, 12:30, STATLER  
 HILTON HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
 CONFERENCE.

JULY 11 NEXT, 10:45 AM, SPEECH, FRIENDLY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 PASADENA, FOLLOWED BY APPEARANCE AT RALLY 3 PM, SECOND BAPTIST  
 CHURCH, LOS ANGELES.

KING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED LEAVE LOS ANGELES JULY 11  
 NEXT BUT WILL PROBABLY LEAVE MONDAY, JULY 12 NEXT, EARLY AM,  
 DESTINATION UNKNOWN.

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PAGE TWO FROM LOS ANGELES 090130

NO INDICATION DEMONSTRATION AND WORK STOPPAGE  
 ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9 NEXT WILL BE HELD AS THERE  
 HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY AND SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION THIS  
 REGARD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 7/1/65.

On 7/8/65 a photograph of JAMES REID enclosed with referenced Bureau airtel was exhibited to [REDACTED] Atlanta Police Department. [REDACTED] advised he did not recognize REID's photograph as a photograph of any one known to him. It should be noted that in the past, [REDACTED] has had occasion to observe captioned subject and a number of his associates. He said he did not recognize REID as an individual he has observed in subject's company in the past.

[REDACTED] advised he determined from the Identification Division of the Atlanta Police Department that that division had no record identifiable with JAMES REID, [REDACTED] or with the name, JOHN REUBEN REED, [REDACTED]

Agents of the Atlanta Office who, in the past have had opportunity to observe captioned subject and some of his associates, were unable on 7/7/65 to identify the photograph of JAMES REID as the photograph of an individual that they have previously observed in subject's company.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Atlanta  
AGS:cb  
(4)

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C C Wick

Approved: [Signature]  
51 JUL 19 1965 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

M Per \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 7, 1965

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Shaw

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The Director's memorandum of 7/6/65 concerning his talk with the Attorney General instructed that we prepare a memorandum on the position of King relative to Vietnam.

Attached are letters to the White House, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State enclosing copies of a memorandum entitled "The Position of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Communist Party, USA, On Vietnam."

This paper covers the following specific matters:  
(1) King's injection into the Vietnam situation; (2) Communist influences on King relative to Vietnam, including advice from such as Stanley Levison, the long-time communist; (3) The current Party line on Vietnam as seen through its directives and propaganda urging peace and attacking the U.S. policy; (4) Evidences of implementation of the Party line through a Party spokesman and a communist front; (5) Planned activities of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee further illustrates the tie between the civil rights movement and Vietnam; and (6) Potential for Party exploitation of King's influence.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Attached letters to the White House; Attorney General with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Doar and Yeagley; and the Secretary of State, go forward with memorandum summarized above.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)  
 SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
 JULY 9, 1965  
 RACIAL MATTER

Re Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 6/4/65 captioned as above; and Atlanta airtel and LHM dated 6/17/65, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination with two copies for Atlanta.

[REDACTED] advised on previous contacts that he would immediately furnish any additional information he received concerning KING's scheduled appearance in Los Angeles on July 9, 1965, but no information has been received from [REDACTED]

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Approved: 51 JUL 10 1965 Special Agent in Charge

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It is noted that there has been no publicity to date in the newspapers or in the form of leaflets advertising a demonstration or work stoppage for July 9, 1965. It is also noted that the newspaper accounts set forth in attached LHM concerning KING's appearance in Los Angeles do not mention a demonstration or work stoppage. It is further noted that workers in heavy construction industry in Los Angeles have been on strike for some time and other construction workers have joined in the strike, but this is a legitimate labor dispute and has no relationship to the proposed work stoppage on July 9, 1965.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report KING's appearance at Los Angeles and if demonstration or work stoppage takes place, coverage will be afforded and the Bureau promptly advised of developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California  
July 6, 1965

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APPEARANCE OF DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
JULY 9, 1965

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum dated June 4, 1965, at Los Angeles on captioned matter.

The "Los Angeles Times," a daily Los Angeles metropolitan newspaper, issue of June 20, 1965, page 15, carried an article captioned "King to Launch New Attack Here July 11." The article stated that Dr. Martin Luther King would speak in Los Angeles on July 11, 1965, as part of what has been termed a "major attack by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference against segregation in northern cities." The article stated that King would address the closing session of the Western Christian Leadership Conference convention in Los Angeles on the same day. The article quotes the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, the Vice-President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as stating that King's appearance will be an attack upon de facto segregation in public schools, discrimination in employment, and racial injustice, and that the movement would be taken to such cities as New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and possibly Cleveland and Baltimore. The article further quoted Abernathy as stating that the SCLC would try to end segregation through negotiation but would resort to demonstrations if talks failed.

The "Los Angeles Sentinel," a weekly newspaper published and distributed in Los Angeles, California, issue of June 24, 1965, page A-9, carried an article stating that Dr. Martin Luther King would speak in Los Angeles on July 11, 1965, as part of his campaign to spotlight discrimination

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APPEARANCE OF DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
JULY 9, 1965

and segregation in northern cities. The article then quoted the Reverend Ralph Abernathy along the same lines as those set forth in the article above from the "Los Angeles Times."

On June 30, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., is scheduled to speak on July 9, 1965, at the Victory Baptist Church, a Negro church, 4802 Mc Kinley Avenue, Los Angeles. This source had no further information concerning King's speech nor any information concerning a demonstration or work stoppage in the construction industry scheduled for July 9, 1965.

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RE:               BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
                  (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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July 6, 1965

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. DE LOACH**

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The Attorney General called. He stated he has been concerned about the Martin Luther King position on Vietnam and he wondered whether the Bureau could put together a memorandum on: 1. How King gets on this to this extent; and 2. has there been any hard Communist Party line tying together Vietnam and the civil rights movement. I stated we would get that together. The Attorney General stated he thought it would be helpful to have for the Secretary of State and the President something that would tie some of this together.

I stated there was no doubt in my mind from information we have had in the past few months that King, Levison and Jones in New York have been having these buddies together meeting at the Kennedy Airport motor inn. I stated, of course, Stanley Levison is a member of the Communist Party and Clarence Jones also. The Attorney General asked if we had any information independent of that that the Communist Party is trying to tie Vietnam and civil rights together. I stated I thought there was something along that line from informants in the Party that there is a definite tie in on that and we have had at various demonstrations over the last months, actual communists marching in the demonstrations. I referred briefly to the demonstrations on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. [5]

The Attorney General stated there is a fair identity with civil rights groups of a lot of people who have taken the liberal line on civil rights and on Vietnam and there has always been that identity of view, but he is more interested in the hard part of it because he spoke with Roy Wilkins, who is somewhat upset and thinks it is wrong, as did James Farmer. The Attorney General stated they are concerned with what King is doing and he, the Attorney General, thought maybe Bayard Rustin was in it but he is inclined to think it is not Rustin. I stated I thought it was Levison and Jones.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Sullivan, DeLoach      July 6, 1965

I stated I had asked about three weeks ago to put a technical on Clarence Jones, but withdrew that. The Attorney General stated he was concerned about the law angle. I stated instructions in the past were if we have a technical on, to cut off any reference to cases or clients as we are only interested in conversations between Levison and Jones or Jones and King. The Attorney General stated he would not mind with the proper precautions but he thought perhaps we ought to state that where we can in the memorandum.

I stated we would get to work on this matter right away, and the Attorney General stated he would be interested in having a run down.

6:11 PM

I called Mr. Joseph Sizoo, on Assistant Director Sullivan's desk, and advised him of the above and instructed that a memorandum be prepared for me so I could have it in the morning.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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July 8, 1965

[REDACTED]

Hickory, North Carolina

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of July 4th has been received and I appreciate your support of my administration of the FBI.

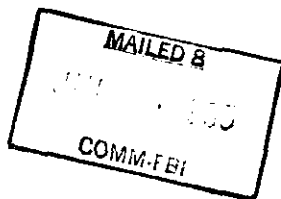
In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Could you please either send me or direct me to information concerning Martin Luther King and his tie-up with the Communist party?

When the ministers in our churches stand up in our pulpits and praise Dr. Martin Luther King, I want to have some information to use in rebuttal.

Our family admires the work you have done for our country, and I will value any information you can send me.

Thank you for your trouble.

Very truly yours,

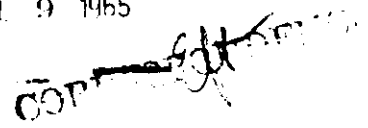


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TO DIRECTOR \100-106670\, ATLANTA \100-5586\ AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO \100-35356\ 1P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

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FORTY PM, JULY SEVEN INSTANT, THAT KING AND ONE COMPANION BOARDED  
AAL FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOR DEPARTURE CHICAGO, ONE PM, THIS  
DATE, DESTINATION LA GUARDIA TERMINAL, NYC. U

REASON FOR KING TRIP NYC NOT DETERMINED AT CHICAGO. LHM BEING  
SUBMITTED. U

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Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter\_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) 3P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL JULY SEVEN INSTANT.

AT TEN FORTY FIVE AM, JULY SEVEN INSTANT, KING HELD PRESS  
CONFERENCE PALMER HOUSE HOTEL, WHERE HE ISSUED STATEMENT WHICH REFLECTS  
KING AGREED AFTER MEETING WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS IN CHICAGO,  
INCLUDING AB RABY, CONVENOR, CCCO, THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION  
TO SPEND SOME TIME IN CHICAGO BEGINNING JULY TWENTY FOUR NEXT, TO  
ASSIST IN FIGHT FOR "QUALITY INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF  
CHICAGO." KING IS TO BE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF STAFF OF SCLC AND IT  
WILL BE PURPOSE OF KING AND STAFF TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH;  
LEADERSHIP OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND FORCES OF GOOD WILL IN CHICAGO  
AREA; TO GET FIRST HAND PICTURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF PROBLEMS  
FACED IN NORTHERN CITY BY VISITING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TALKING WITH  
LOCAL LEADERS; TO ASSIST LOCAL LEADERSHIP IN INTERPRETING ISSUES OF  
MOVEMENT TO A BROADER BASE OF COMMUNITY THROUGH A TOUR OF NEGRO AND

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MR. BELMONT AND THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Callahan	
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SELECTED WHITE COMMUNITIES, WITH FREQUENT RALLIES ON STREET CORNERS AND IN CHURCHES; AND TO RALLY SUPPORT OF A COALITION OF FORCES OF GOOD WILL AROUND COMMON GOALS. u

DURING PRESS CONFERENCE KING STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO CHICAGO, OTHER NORTHERN CITIES TO BE VISITED BY HIMSELF AND STAFF, WHICH CITIES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT THREE DAYS. KING ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH AL RABY AND HIS GROUP IN FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN CHICAGO IN REGARDS TO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT WILLIS. KING ADVISED ON QUESTIONS REGARDING CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN NORTH AND IN SOUTH AND REGARDING QUESTIONS ON CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO SAME. KING STATED UNJUSTNESS IS ALIVE AND VERY REAL AND VERY SERIOUS. IN NORTH CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IS OFTEN USED. IN SOUTH YOU ARE DEALING WITH A SPECIFIC LAW, WHEREAS IN NORTH YOU ARE DEALING WITH UNJUSTNESS. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE BECOMES A WEAPON u

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WHEREBY YOU DRAMATIZE EVILS AS THEY EXIST. *u*

DURING ENTIRE PRESS CONFERENCE KING WAS NOT QUESTIONED NOR  
DID HE MENTION VIET NAM OR MAKE ANY REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO UNITED  
STATES FOREIGN POLICY. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 6, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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For record purposes, at 3:20 p.m. this afternoon Wick received a telephone call from [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are making every effort to discredit Martin Luther King and his recent outburst on Vietnam. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has learned that Levison, whom he described as a New York attorney, is connected with the Communist Party in some way and advised Martin Luther King to come out against the Administration on Vietnam. [REDACTED] asked if there is anything of a public source nature that would discredit Levison either as a member of the Communist Party or as a member of a front group or signer of a petition concerning communism or the Soviets.

After checking, Wick told [REDACTED] we could be of no help to him.

[REDACTED] at 3:40 p.m. today called Wick. He said [REDACTED] Wick told him we could be of no help to him whatsoever.

[REDACTED] said that under the circumstances, he believed [REDACTED] would make no mention of the alleged connection they have picked up between King and Levison. Wick asked him how he knows that Levison is advising King on the Vietnam matter. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] obtained this from a friend in Atlanta, presumably at Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters.

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- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO \\100-35356\\

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Room	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Sandy	_____

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C

RE ATLANTA TELS THIS DATE. U 67(D)

[REDACTED] ADVISED AT EIGHT THIRTY FIVE P.M. TODAY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ARRIVED CHICAGO VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT SIXEN ZERO SEVEN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M. TONIGHT. KING IMMEDIATELY LEFT AIRPORT FOR PALMER HOUSE HOTEL, CHICAGO, WHERE [REDACTED] HE WILL REMAIN OVER NIGHT. [REDACTED] ADVISED KING SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS FIFTH GENERAL SYNOD, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PALMER HOUSE THIS DATE. FURTHER DETAILS RE KING'S ITINERARY UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. U

CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND WILL ADVISE. MILITARY AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. U  
AT WILL BE ADVISED. U

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35794) (RUC)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
(OO: Atlanta)

Re: Bureau airtel dated 7/1/65.  
Boston airtel dated 7/3/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum. Two copies of the same letterhead memorandum are being submitted to Atlanta as Office of Origin and one copy is being submitted to Mobile for information purposes.

As mentioned in the attached letterhead memorandum, REED, [REDACTED] is no longer on parole or on probation in the State of Mass. 1-7-62

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(1 - 157-319) (Proposed March Led by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Boston, Mass., 4/23/65)  
(1 - 157-New-Dead) (JAMES REUBEN REED) \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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Inquiry in connection with information set out in the letterhead memorandum was conducted by SA <sup>b7(c)</sup> [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

July 8, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The "Boston Globe", a daily newspaper published at Boston, Massachusetts, in its issue of March 19, 1965, contained an article entitled, "Non-Violent Tactics Taught in Roxbury". According to this article, since the previous Monday the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had been given basic training in non-violent survival tactics at Roxbury (Boston) to 250 persons who plan to take part in the Selma-to-Montgomery, Alabama march. The article mentioned that Dr. Martin Luther King, leader of the SCLC, had called Rev. Virgil Wood, President of the Massachusetts Unit of the SCLC, and asked that training be given to all persons going to Alabama. Since then, at the Blue Hill Christian Center at 288 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, training had been given. According to the article, instructors in connection with this training included James Reed, a community worker with the center, who had also been to Selma. The article further mentioned that James Reed gave some pointers on how to react to tear gas.

The "Record American", a daily newspaper published at Boston, in its issue of March 22, 1965, identified a group of Massachusetts residents who had been in Selma, Alabama during the previous week and were believed to have been among those who had been on the March to Montgomery. According to the article, all went to Alabama under the sponsorship of the SCLC and included in this list of names was that of James Reed, Boston.

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[REDACTED], said that James Reed had served as a bodyguard for Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he was last in Boston during April, 1965, but he had no knowledge that Reed had acted in this capacity in any other cities.

ENCLOSURE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The records of the Boston Police Department contain a schedule which was drawn up in connection with the visit of Rev. King to Boston on April 22 and 23, 1965. This schedule was drawn up after a meeting was held in the Office of Superintendent Herbert F. Mulleney of the Boston Police Department on April 20, 1965. At this meeting there were representatives from the Boston Police Department, including Superintendent Mulleney, as well as representatives from the Massachusetts Unit of the SCLC, and among those representing that organization was the Rev. Virgil Wood, President.

It is set forth in the schedule that King, after his arrival at Boston on April 22, 1965, would include a visit on that day to the SCLC headquarters at 288 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury. On April 23, 1965 Rev. King would meet with the marchers at the Carter Playground, Columbus Avenue, Boston. Thereafter, Rev. King and the other marchers were going to march to the Boston Common where a rally would take place. Tentative plans had also been set up by the Rev. King to go to the City Hall at Boston and he would eventually depart from Boston on April 23, 1965, at 4:00 p.m.

This schedule mentioned that the "security contact" for the Rev. King was James Reed who would be in charge of forty or fifty special bodyguards for Rev. King. These men were to appear in advance of Rev. King at all places which he would visit. According to the schedule, James Reed could be contacted at 288 Blue Hill Avenue.

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              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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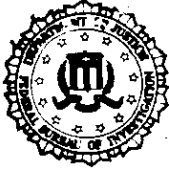
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Miami, Florida  
June 30, 1965

100-15079

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On Page 30-A of the June 27, 1965 issue of "The Miami Herald", Miami, Florida newspaper, there is an article captioned, "Baptist Shuns Civil Disobedience", written over the byline of ADON TAFT, Herald Religion Editor. A portion of this article is as follows:

"An influential leader at the Baptist World Alliance here Saturday rejected civil disobedience to attain civil rights.

"Dr. Joseph H. Jackson also backed the movement to elect an African Negro as president of BWA.

"Jackson is president of the 5.5-million member National (Negro) Baptist Convention in the U.S.A. and a vice president of BWA.

"He said civil disobedience and economic boycotts are 'negative approaches which may call attention to problems but cannot solve them.'

"He called for a positive approach, citing the \$10 million educational foundation being set up by his own organization.

"'We must go from protest to production,' Jackson said.

"He added that education will put Negroes in a better economic and political position to gain full rights and accept full responsibilities.

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"It was a familiar theme for Jackson. He has steadily refused to go along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader.

"King formerly was a member of Jackson's denomination but now is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.

"He said the Negro churches, the NAACP and the Urban League had carried the brunt of the fight before King's appearance.

"Jackson's presence on the BWA Executive Committee has been suggested by some observers as the reason King is not on the BWA congress program.)

"Jackson said the civil rights battle practically had been won before King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other such groups came on the scene.

"..... While Dr. Jackson was holding his press conference inside the convention hall where 12,000 delegates were listening to talks, a group of 46 sign-carrying representatives of the International Christian Youth were picketing the presence at the congress of five delegates from Russia.

"The signs called the Russians Communists. The protest group was ignored."

Also on Page 30-A of this issue of "The Miami Herald" was an article captioned, "King Says He's Only A Delegate", as follows:

"The Rev. Martin Luther King, one of the world's leading Baptists, arrived in Miami Saturday for the Baptist World Alliance-- without an invitation to speak.

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"King, the 1964 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, diplomatically brushed the matter aside.

"'I have spoken at many conventions', he said. 'I don't deem it necessary to be on the platform. I am here merely as a delegate.'

"Earlier Saturday, Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, Chicago Negro Clergyman, specifically criticized the King-styled civil disobedience movement as 'negative'.

"Dr. Jackson is on the executive committee of the World Alliance.

"'I consider Dr. Jackson a Christian brother', said King, arriving here after an eight-day lecture tour of Jamaica. 'But most Negroes don't agree with him. I certainly believe the program of non-violence is necessary.'

"King noted that Negroes have picketed Dr. Jackson's church in Chicago and that NAACP delegates once 'booed him down.' 'But I don't want to get into a public debate', he said.

The June 27, 1965 issue of "The Miami News", Miami, Florida newspaper contained an article captioned "Rev. King Raps The Pickets", over the by-line of LOUISE BLANCHARD, Reporter of "The Miami News", as follows:

"'Picketing of the Baptist World Alliance convention by a rightist anti-Communist group is unfortunate,' Dr. Martin Luther King said here yesterday.

"'It's fine that Christianity is still alive in Russia, in spite of the attempt of atheistic communism to do away with the church', he said.

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"I'm glad that we can have fellowship with our Russian brethren. It may be that these Russian Baptists will be able to inject a new spiritual dimension into the vein of Russian society", said Dr. King, Negro civil rights leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize.

"An organization called Christian Witnesses Against Communism picketed Miami Beach Convention Hall briefly in protest against the presence of Russian Baptists at the convention of the worldwide BWA.

"Dr. King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, met reporters when he arrived to attend the BWA convention as a delegate and a Baptist minister.

"Asked why he wasn't making a speech, Dr. King smiled and said, 'It isn't necessary for me to speak at every Baptist gathering.'

"The Southern Christian Leadership Conference does not plan to concentrate civil rights demonstrations this summer on any one community, Dr. King said. But it will work to double the number of Negro registered voters in the South.

"We will do some work in northern cities', he said. 'There are many big future problems in the ghettos of the major cities of the North.

"Mississippi inevitably will be a testing ground', he added. 'It's the worst state in the country, a reign of terror.'

"He predicted that civil rights non-violent demonstrators 'will have to do a great deal of work in Mississippi to bring the issue before the conscience of the nation.'

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"Civil rights workers might return to St. Augustine, scene of riots last summer," Dr. King said.

"I've been disturbed by some recent developments in St. Augustine", he said. "We are always on call. If necessary, we certainly will go back to St. Augustine."

"He said economic barriers to racial equality 'are certainly the most difficult and agonizing problem we face. If the Negro cannot enter into the mainstream of economic life, other accomplishments are meaningless. It's not much good to be allowed to enter a restaurant if you don't have money for a hamburger.'"

The June 29, 1965 issue of "The Miami Herald" contained an article captioned: "Rev. King's 'Stirring' Stirs Row", over the by-line of ADON TAFI, Religion Editor, as follows:

"An undercurrent of resentment over the absence of Martin Luther King from the opening of the Baptist World Alliance Congress spilled into the open here Monday.

"A young Negro pastor from Houston, in his absence 'the indictment of the Baptist World Alliance' in an address to a star session for pastors. Applause, by both Negroes and whites, from most of the 2,000 at the Miami Beach Auditorium interrupted the speech.

"The Rev. William A. Lawson was speaking on 'Race and Human Rights'. He said that the fact that race should be an issue at the meeting of 17,000 delegates from some 80 countries ranges 'from embarrassing to clumsy'.

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"He went on to talk about the need for prophets in this field. 'The person who should be here,' Rev. Lawson said, 'is a prophet who would have been vetoed by the program committee--the Nobel Peace Prize winner who even now is on the grounds (a reference to King, who attended the conference Sunday, but who was to return to Atlanta Monday)."

"Dr. Theodore Adams, chairman of the program committee, explained that King was not deliberately excluded from the program, but was just not selected in the process of sifting more than 1,000 names to pick 233 speakers from 52 countries to address the congress."

"King declined in invitation to be on the program in Rio de Janeiro in 1960, did appear on the program of last year's tri-annual meeting of the European Baptist Confederation and cancelled out of the 1963 program of the Baptist World Youth Conference in Beirut, Lebanon", said Dr. Adams, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention and former president of the Baptist World Alliance.

"Many observers at the conference have suggested that the presence of Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention in the U.S.A., Inc., from which King has broken, on the administrative committee of the alliance, is the reason King was not on the program here."

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670), ATLANTA (100-5586), RICHMOND AND  
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WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) 2P

MARTIN LUTHER KING. SM - C.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTY LAST, AND CHICAGO  
TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY ONE LAST. *u*

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ADVISED TWO THIRTY PM, TODAY, THAT KING AND TRAVELING COMPANION B. LEE  
DEPARTED CHICAGO VIA UAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR AT TWO TWENTYFIVE PM,  
JULY TWO INSTANT, TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C., DULLES AIRPORT, ESTIMATE  
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KING PLANS TO DEPART CHICAGO FOLLOWING DAY, DESTINATION UNKNOWN. *u*

CHICAGO PD, MILITARY AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LHM SUBMITTED  
ON KING VISIT CHICAGO, JULY ONE LAST. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 7-2-65

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (157-731)

SUBJECT:

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AT WILSON, N. C., 5-16 - 23-65  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReCEairtel to Director, 6-23-65, enclosing LHM.

Enclosed for Atlanta is a copy of reairtel and copy of  
LHM dated 6-21-65.

Enclosed airtel and LHM were inadvertently not furnished  
Atlanta when originally submitted.

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Honorable Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

BY LIAISON

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Shaw

Dear Mr. Rusk:

I am enclosing information concerning the position of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Communist Party, USA, concerning Vietnam.

This information is also being furnished to the White House.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE:

See cover memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan, same date, same caption, prepared by SFP:chs.

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC),  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35794) (P)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
(OO: Atlanta)

Re: Bureau airtel 7/1/65.

According to information received [REDACTED]  
one JAMES REED had been designated by SCLC to be in charge  
of bodyguards during past visit by MARTIN LUTHER KING to  
Boston on 4/23/65.

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Boston files show that JAMES REED, born 2/1/20 in Kansas City, Missouri, residing 193 Humboldt Ave., Boston, on 3/12/48



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1 - Mr. Forsyth  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

ReNYairtel and LHM 6/28/65, copies to Atlanta, "CIEM," which reported that King is considering going to Switzerland for a year's rest and reflection.

Recipient offices should be extremely alert to information available through established sources which would indicate that King will make such a trip. Keep the Bureau promptly advised and any positive information developed should be submitted by LHM for appropriate dissemination by the Bureau.

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
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**STANDARD AGENCIES**  
**COMMUNIST AGENCIES**  
**DATE** *2/21/75*  
**AMEND** *10-19-79*

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 25, 1965, that, on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones. Jones mentioned that he had had a good trip and had seen (Livingston) Wingate, (Head of Haryou-Act, a youth anti-poverty program in New York City), Adam Clayton Powell, Sargent Schriver, and the Attorney General. *(X) (u)*

(The same source had advised on June 24, 1965, that Jones, on that date, stated he could be reached at the State Department Building, Conference on Law and Anti-Poverty, Washington, D.C.). *(X) (u)*

The source continued that Levison remarked that he had spoken to Harry (Wachtel) and Andy Young (Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC). Levison stated that Martin Luther King is considering going to Switzerland to a place run by the World Council of Churches and, if he does go, will take off a year for the kind of rest and reflection he needs. Levison added that the time for this trip had not been set yet but that King had been offered a house for his family and other things. Levison noted that this could be serious from a standpoint of what could happen to the organization (the SCLC), as well as to the possible questions as to what he was doing over there. *(X) (u)*

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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## Communist Influence In Racial Matters

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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TO DIRECTOR 62-109078

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FROM NEW ORLEANS 62-3721

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[REDACTED] POLICE, MONROE,  
LOUISIANA, ADVISED THE MONROE FBI RESIDENT AGENCY ON  
JUNE TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT ON JUNE TWENTYTWO,  
SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]  
MONROE, LOUISIANA, TURNED IN A WALLET TO THE MONROE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED] TOLD THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAD  
FOUND THE WALLET AT [REDACTED] RESTUARANT, [REDACTED]  
WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, ON JUNE TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFIVE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN LOOKING THROUGH THE WALLET  
HE FOUND A LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALHOUN, LOUISIANA. THE INFORMATION  
ON THE DRIVERS LICENSE <sup>SHOWED</sup> [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIPTION WAS WHITE MALE,  
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, FIVE FEET  
SIX INCHES IN HEIGHT.

[REDACTED] MARTIN SAID THERE WAS ALSO A SOCIAL SECURITY  
CARD IN THE WALLET IN THE NAME OF [REDACTED]  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT HE FOUND  
IN THE WALLET WHAT APPEARED TO BE A LETTER. HE SAID THAT  
THIS LETTER WAS FOLDED UP AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE  
WALLET FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER WERE AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR  
IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, I AM WILLING TO  
EXTERMINATE MR. JOHNSON/S BOSS (MARTIN LUTHER KING) FOR THE  
SUM OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IF YOU WILL KINDLY PAY IMMEDIATELY  
THIS SUM. HE WILL BE RID OF IN THE NEXT MONTH IF YOU SO AGREE.  
THANK YOU, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] P.S. I WILL KILL  
PRESIDENT JOHNSON FOR AN EXTRA ONE MILLION DOLLARS. SINCERELY  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD CHECKED HIS RECORDS FOR  
~~CORR LINE 5 WORD 10 SHLD BE /BOB/~~

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THE NAMES SIGNED TO THE LETTER AND HE COULD FIND NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT DID NOT PLAN ANY FURTHER ACTION OTHER THAN CONTACTING [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF THE WALLET BELONGED TO HIM. b7(c)

SECRET SERVICE CLERK, [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS, WAS ADVISED OF DETAILS AT TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M. THIS DATE. OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF/S OFFICE, MONROE, LOUISIANA, WHICH COVERS LAW ENFORCEMENT CALHOUN, LOUISIANA, AREA WAS ADVISED THIS DATE.

COPY OF THREAT LETTER FURNISHED TO NEW ORLEANS SECRET SERVICE. ORIGINAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU.

ATLANTA DIVISION AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. ADVISE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT <sup>REGARDING</sup> RE THREAT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. <sup>LETTERHEAD - MEMORANDUM</sup> LHM FOLLOWS.

END AND ACK PLS

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CC: MR SOLLISAN



Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 10-13-58)

To

☒ Director

Att. ....

☐ SAC .....

☐ ASAC .....

☐ Supv. ....

☐ Agent .....

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☐ Steno .....

☐ Clerk .....

Date 7/2/65

FILE # CG 100-35356

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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ACTION DESIRED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge   | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Case              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assign.....Reassign.....                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare lead cards     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline  | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return serials         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue   | <input type="checkbox"/> See me                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite  | <input type="checkbox"/> Serials                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File  | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge-out  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For information   | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial & return  | <input type="checkbox"/> Type                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. |   |

Re CG airtel and LHM 7/2/65, captioned as above. Secret Service, Chicago, advised of info. in LHM. This inadvertently omitted in LHM.

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SAC M. W. JOHNSON

Office CHICAGO

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Date: 7/2/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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Remyteletype dated 7/1/65. *u*Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies and for Atlanta two (2) copies of a LHM captioned as above. *u*

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 BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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1cc & cc LHM T.C. Wick  
 808 RB

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 Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
July 2, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - C

[REDACTED], Illinois, Police Department, O'Hare International Airport, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, 5:50 p.m., July 1, 1965, that Martin Luther King is to arrive at Chicago approximately 6:00 p.m., July 1, 1965, via Delta Air Lines Flight Number 934. *u*

[REDACTED] subsequently advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he met King on arrival at O'Hare International Airport where King held a brief press conference. King was asked to comment on Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley's charge that many marchers in the current demonstrations in Chicago are Communists. King commented that Communists are not part of the civil rights movement but feels that some may join the group, and this is beyond the control of the civil rights leaders. Lieutenant Smith advised that King will speak at Dunbar Vocational High School, Chicago, Illinois, on the evening of July 1, 1965. *u* b 7(c)

On July 2, 1965, [REDACTED] Human Relations Section, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Illinois, that on the evening of July 1, 1965, King gave a speech at Dunbar Vocational High School in Chicago. There were no incidents in regard to this affair. King advised the Human Relations Section that he intends to leave Chicago, Illinois, on the morning of July 2, 1965. *u*

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On July 2, 1965, [REDACTED] <sup>b7(c)</sup>, Region I, 113th  
INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, was advised of the above  
information.

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Secret Service, Chicago, advised of above information.

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[Redacted]

Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 28th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior letter to correspondent dated 7-10-37.

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6/28/65

F. B. I.

Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs,

Is it possible for you to inform me whether or not  
the Rev. Dr Martin Luther King is a member of or affiliated with  
Communistic organizations?

This is to settle this question for a Mens' Bible  
Class.

The minister says prove it???

Many Thanks

/s/

[REDACTED] Pennsauken N. J.  
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Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Is it possible for you to inform me whether or not the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is a member of or affiliated with Communist organizations?

This is to settle this question for a Mini Bible Class.

The minister says prove it???

Mary Thacker

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CORRESPONDENCE

JENNIFER

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**Camp Hill, Alabama**

Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of June 23rd, with  
enclosure.

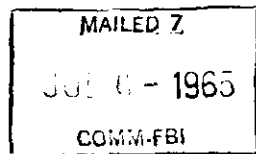
In response to your inquiry, I would like to point  
out that information contained in our files must be maintained as  
confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of  
Justice. This information is available for official use only, and  
I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. His enclosure  
depicts Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School during 1957.  
The circumstances are well known to the Bureau.

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CAMP HILL, ALABAMA

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U.S. Justice Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know if there is anything to the inclosed news sheet.

Sincerely yours,

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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# Communist Revealed As Rev. King's Aid

## National Red Leader Directing Negro Drive in Southern States

By a Globe-Democrat Special Writer

WASHINGTON.—A Communist has infiltrated to the top administrative post in the Rev. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He is Jack H. O'Dell, acting executive director of conference activities in southeastern states, including Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

From his birth in Detroit in 1923 until as late as 1958 he was known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. This Mr. O'Dell, by whatever name, operates as a concealed member of the national committee of the Communist Party, USA, according to a highly authoritative source.

Until a few weeks ago, O'Dell was the regional consultant to the conference staff, which has headquarters in Atlanta. He became acting director recently. Main functions of the staff are to set up voter registration schools, "work shops," for promotion of civil rights activities and public meetings.

After attending school in New Orleans, La., O'Dell sailed for several years as a sailor in the Merchant Marine. In July, 1950, however, he was expelled from the National Maritime Union at Galveston, Tex. The union took exception to his circulation of pro-Soviet peace petitions attacking the government of the United States.

On April 12, 1956, identifying himself as Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a New Orleans waiter, he testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to say whether he was a southern district organizer for the Communist Party.

Robert Morris, counsel for the subcommittee, said information had been received that O'Dell was, in fact, a district organizer for the Communist Party in New Orleans; that O'Dell gave "directives to the professional group" in that city, and that he operated under three different names—the two other names being John Vesey and Ben Jones.

### KEY POSITION

It was learned that documents seized at O'Dell's residence by New Orleans police clearly established his key position in the Communist movement in the South.

On July 30, 1958, identifying himself as Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a Montgomery, Ala., insurance man, he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in an Atlanta hearing. An Associated Press story reported that O'Dell "tried unsuccessfully to turn the hearing into a discussion of mistreatment of Negroes in the South."

O'Dell invoked the First and Fifth Amendments and declined to answer committee questions about his Communist activities.

In recent years, it was learned, O'Dell has tried to remain in the background in carrying out his Communist Party assignments.

Officers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are the Rev. King, president; the Rev. E. L. Shuttlesworth, formerly of Birmingham, Ala., secretary; and the Rev. Ralph Abernethy, formerly of Montgomery, Ala., treasurer.

# Cincinnati Pastor Named As Head Of 'Red Front'

To help its readers keep on guard against propaganda, the Cincinnati Enquirer brings you this authoritative weekly report.

BY JACK LOTTO

One of the top leaders of the integration movement in the South has been named head of a big pro-Communist front.

He is the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, 965 Dana Ave., pastor of the Revelation Baptist Church, 1556 John St.

The post he was elected to is President of the "Southern Conference Educational Fund," with headquarters in New Orleans, and active in 17 southern states.

Both the Senate internal security subcommittee and the House Committee on Un-American Activities have described the SCEF as an organization set up to

"promote Communism" throughout the South.

This group has a long history of activity in the South. It originally was known as the "Southern Conference for Human Welfare." One of its founders was a veteran Communist, the late Louis E. Burnham.

When the SCHW was cited as a Communist front in 1947 by the House committee, it ostensibly went out of business.

It quickly reopened at the same New Orleans address, under the new name and with the same telephone number.

According to the Senate subcommittee, the Southern Conference Educational Fund was "operating with substantially the same leadership and purposes" of its predecessor.

Said the House report on the SCHW:

"It seeks to attract southern liberals on the basis of its seeming interest in the

problems of the South. Its professed interest in southern welfare is simply an expedient for larger aims serving the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist party in the U. S."

The field secretary for the SCEF, and editor of its publication, "The Southern Patriot," is Carl Braden, of Louisville, Ky. Braden, identified in sworn testimony as a member of the Communist party, recently finished serving a one-year prison term for contempt of Congress.

New additions to the Board of the Southern Conference Educational Fund included the Rev. James A. Zellner, Methodist minister in Panama, City, Fla. He is the father of Bob Zellner, the "freedom-walker" active in the "student non-violence committee," and now serving a jail term in Alabama.

ANOTHER BOARD member is Mrs. Diane Bevel, of Cleveland, Miss., active in Nashville student demonstrations, and currently working in Alabama and Mississippi.

She is jailed in Gadsden, Ala., for taking part with Zellner in a pro-integration march, following in the steps of William Moore, a postman shot and killed during a one-man protest march.

Communists are prominent in the South, provoking friction between whites and Negroes. On the scene is James E. Jackson, member of the four-man ruling secretariat of the U. S. Communist party.

Jackson, who is propaganda boss in the U. S. for the Reds, is also the party secretary for southern Negro affairs—a polite term for chief racial troublemaker.

This Moscow-trained Negro has been in the forefront of Communist organizational and agitation work in the South for years.

In 1959, he went to Russia as the representative of the U. S. Communist Party at the 21st World Congress of Communists. There, he hailed the Soviet Union and denounced the United States.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, A LEADING COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN, STATED IN HIS BOOK (COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA) "TURNING POINT IN FREEDOM ROAD" THAT THEY (THE COMMUNISTS) REGARD THE MOVEMENTS THAT KING LEADS OR INFLUENCES AS THE HEALTHIEST SIGN IN THE WHOLE STRUGGLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16800)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information concerning JAMES REUBEN REED, alleged chief security officer for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This information was furnished confidentially to SA [REDACTED]

Inasmuch as this information was confidentially furnished no local dissemination is being made by the New Orleans Division.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

June 23, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] information was received concerning the fact that John Reuben Reed, [REDACTED] alleged to be chief security officer for Martin Luther King, Jr., was carrying a concealed gun on his person. Reed is alleged to have acted as chief security officer for King in Boston, Massachusetts, and several southern states in the past.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI CHICAGO

101XX1001 PM CDST URGENT 7-1-65 HRF  
TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM - C

[REDACTED]  
ADVISED FIVE FIFTY PM ,INSTANT, THAT REVEREND KING TO ARRIVE CHICAGO  
SIX PM, DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE FOUR. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED  
[REDACTED] KING HELD BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE. KING  
ASKED TO COMMENT RE MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY'S CHARGE THAT MANY  
MARCHERS IN DEMONSTRATION IN CHICAGO HAVE BEEN COMMUNISTS. KING  
COMMENTED THAT COMMUNISTS ARE NOT PART OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT BUT  
HE FEELS THAT SOME DO JOIN THE GROUP, AND THIS IS BEYOND CONTROL  
OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS. [REDACTED] ADVISED KING TO SPEAK AT DUNBAR  
HIGH SCHOOL, CHICAGO, DURING EVENING OF JULY ONE, INSTANT. U

b7(D) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED ONE B. LEE TRAVELING WITH KING. [REDACTED] ALSO  
ADVISED KING U

WILL POSSIBLY DEPART JULY TWO, NEXT, HOWEVER, FLIGHT  
AND DEPARTURE TIME NOT KNOWN. CHICAGO WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE  
FLIGHT AND DEPARTURE TIME AND ADVISED. U

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Honorable Fred B. Rooney  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

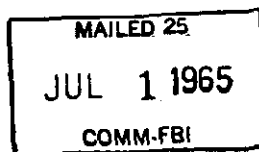
I received your letter of June 29th enclosing  
a copy of a communication from [redacted] and [redacted] of  
Matamoras, Pennsylvania, and a post card they forwarded.

While I certainly would like to be of service to  
your constituents, information contained in the files of the  
FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with  
regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust  
they will understand why I am not in a position to be of help  
in this instance.

I am returning the material they forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Congressman Rooney.  
The correspondent's are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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FRED B. ROONEY  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
15TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE:  
INTERSTATE AND  
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CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

FORWARD IN CELLOPHANE ENVELOPE

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Honorable J.  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received a letter from a constituent and his wife regarding the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. As you can see, the attachment is one of a large number of mass produced items aimed at discrediting Dr. King.

I would appreciate any clarification you or the Bureau might be able to provide regarding the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. If there is any way in which you might be able to assist me in answering this letter, I would deeply appreciate it.

With warmest personal good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Fred B. Rooney*

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TRUE COPY

June 21 1965

Dear Congressman Rooney!

We wish to go on record as being opposed to the Civil Review Board, as we feel this is a Communist scheme to do away with our local police force.

Do away with our policeman or hinder them from exercising their rights, what protection will a citizen have?

Why are the records on the so called Dr. Martin Luther King not made available? The cry of "Police Brutality" is a big farce.

Our best wishes to you!

Sincerely,

/s/

[REDACTED]

Matamoras, Pa.

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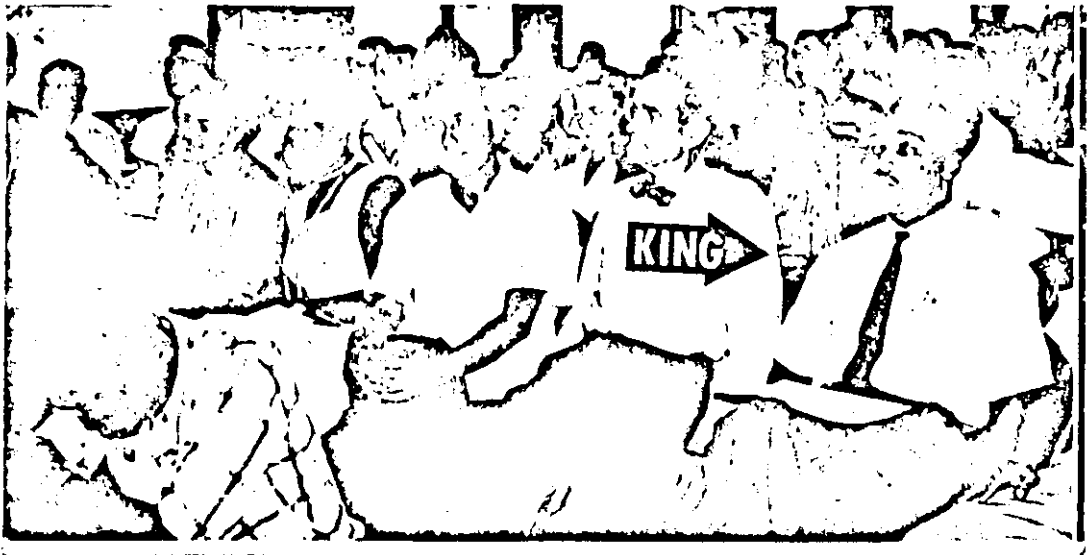
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# Martin Luther King at Communist Training School



Lower left, arms folded, is Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. To King's right, Aubrey Williams, pres. of the communist front SCEP, and Myles Horton, dir. Highlander Folk School for communist training at Monteagle, Tenn. This picture taken by secret counteragent during a Red Workshop in race agitation. (For additional copies, write Councilor, Oil & Gas Bldg., Shreveport, La. \$1 per 100.)

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr

The Attorney General

July 7, 1965

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Shaw

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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In connection with my discussion with you on July 6, 1965, there is enclosed information concerning the position of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Communist Party, USA, concerning Vietnam.

This information is also being furnished to the White House and the Secretary of State.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosure

100-106670

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. John Doar (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE:

See cover memorandum F.J. Baumgardner to W.C. Sullivan, same date, same caption, prepared by [REDACTED] b7(c)

Classified "Secret" because enclosure is so classified. Enclosure contains information from a highly sensitive source concerning the communist influence on King. (14) b7(c)

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TO

Mr. Sullivan

FROM

F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT

~~"IT'S VERY SIMPLE"~~  
**THE TRUE STORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS"**  
**BY ALAN STANG**

1 - Mr. Belmont

DATE: 6/24/65

1 - W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. R. W. Smith

1 - Mr. Baumgardner

Our Boston Office confidentially obtained proof sheets for captioned book which is due to be published 7/4/65 by Western Islands Publishers, Belmont, Massachusetts. Bureau indices negative re author and publisher.

## The Author:

Bureau Library sources checked revealed that Stang wrote an article entitled "Communist Terror in the Streets" which appeared in the September, 1964, issue of "American Opinion," a magazine edited and published by Robert Welch of the John Birch Society. Stang also wrote an article entitled "Separatists - Communist Revolution in Canada" in the April, 1965, issue of "American Opinion." Stang is described in this magazine as a former business editor for Prentice - Hall, Inc.; a television writer, producer and consultant; and a resident of New York City. Check of New York Office indices and established sources revealed no information re Stang. Significantly, it is to be noted that the address for Western Islands, the publisher of Stang's book, is 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, which is the same address for Robert Welch, Inc., publishers of "American Opinion."

## The Book:

"It's Very Simple" is an attempt to rationalize today's civil rights movement in this country as primarily a communist operation. The author describes communist take overs in various countries and then attempts to draw parallels between demonstrations and riots in the United States (such as the New York City difficulties in July, 1964) with riots and revolutions throughout the world. Stang covers a wide spectrum of civil rights activities from those of legitimate racial organizations to the Black Nationalist Groups. Practically all his documentation is to public source material and there is no significant information in the book which appears to be new and previously unknown to the Bureau. Stang makes frequent use of literary license and importantly fails to include documentation for key passages (examples appear on pages 101 and 185). An

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
"It's Very Simple"  
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entire chapter (14) is devoted to an attack on civil rights legislation and the book, in general, is critical of all Administration and other efforts aimed at improving the lot of the Negro. Although there are references to the FBI, they are not derogatory to the Bureau or the Director. Pages 71 and 209 contain quotations of the Director relative to the communist influence in the racial movement.

Stang's last chapter contains such strong conclusions that their full impact can best be felt by the following exact quotations of some excerpts:

"....America's 'race problem' and the 'civil rights movement' supposed to end it, have both been planned by the Communists....built up by the Communists,....."

"....the 'civil rights movement' is for the most part a Communist operation..."

"....there is a real problem between the races in this country today, and that it has been caused almost in its entirety by the Communists..."

"....growing hopelessness and despair among Negro Americans today....is largely the work of the Communists..."

"....growing hostility between black and white Americans... is for the most part the work of the Communists..."

"I accuse the Rev. Dr. King of being in effect one of the country's most influential workers for communism and against the Negroes. I accuse President Kennedy and President Johnson of knowing this but nevertheless not only closing their eyes to it, but lending a hand. I therefore accuse them both of having betrayed their oath of office."

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
"It's Very Simple"  
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OBSERVATIONS:

The details of the book do not support the strong conclusions reached by the author. We have had available to us all the material which Stang has plus considerable additional data from our investigations and we could not arrive at such conclusions. The impression is received that Stang may have well started with his conclusions and then developed the information and manner of presentation which he hoped would prove his point. This work must be viewed in the light of the author's apparent close connections with Robert Welch and the John Birch Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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airtel

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Forsyth

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To: SACs Atlanta (100-3666) - Enclosure  
Birmingham - Enclosure  
Boston (100-36724) - Enclosures (2)  
Jacksonville - Enclosure  
Mobile - Enclosure  
New Orleans (100-16800)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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ReMOairtel and LHM 6/23/65 which reported information  
confidentially [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to the effect that one John Reuben Reed,  
[REDACTED] is alleged to be "chief security officer" for King  
and carries a concealed gun on his person. Reed is alleged to have  
acted in this capacity for King in Boston, Massachusetts, and several  
Southern States in the past. [REDACTED]

On the basis of the information contained in referenced  
communications, no information is contained in Bufiles identifiable  
with Reed.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
100-106670

Attached for all recipients except New Orleans is one copy each of the most recent photo available in the Bureau's Identification Division. It is noted that this photo was taken in 1963.

The Bureau has not had any prior information concerning Reed serving as a "security officer" or bodyguard on behalf of King. Neither has there been any indication that King has had anyone serving as an armed bodyguard. The Bureau desires to determine whether or not there is any basis in fact for the allegations contained in referenced communications.

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All recipients except New Orleans, which offices cover areas in which King has traveled considerably in the past 1-2 years, should advise whether or not there has been any indication that King has been accompanied by an armed bodyguard and whether or not Reed has been seen in his company. It is suggested that the photograph of Reed be displayed to Agents who have observed King and to cooperative law enforcement officers who would be in a position to know whether or not Reed has been accompanying King.

Investigation should be given expeditious attention and replies promptly submitted to the Bureau and Atlanta, origin, by airtel.

New Orleans take note that its LHM spelled the individual's family name as Reeds the first time listed and as Reed the second time. Identification record has no spelling Reeds. It is assumed the "s" was inadvertently included in the spelling. Reairtel stated that inasmuch as the information was confidentially furnished, no local dissemination was being made. This is not considered a justification for not making local dissemination if such dissemination was merited. If it was merited, it should have been made and the LHM appropriately classified. Further, it was incorrect reporting procedure to state in an LHM merely that "information was received". There must be an attribution to a source and, if necessary, that source concealed.



Airtel to AT, BH, BO, JK, NO and RO  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
100-106670

New Orleans should promptly resubmit an appropriate LHM so that the Bureau may make dissemination. All recipients should include positive information in LHMs so that if dissemination is indicated it may be made by the Bureau. All offices will note that a variation in spelling of Reed's last name is Reid as appearing on the attached photograph.

NOTE:

The foregoing investigation being made to determine the veracity of the allegation concerning King having an armed bodyguard as this may be pertinent in connection with Bureau interests concerning King. In addition, if it develops that King does have an armed bodyguard with such a disreputable record as is indicated, there may be some counterintelligence possibilities for the Bureau to exploit.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: CIRM  
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(OO: NY)

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SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were the agents who observed LEVISON and JONES.

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New York, New York  
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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On June 22, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date and suggested they have dinner that night. Jones said he wanted to talk to Levison about several things. They agreed to meet outside Levison's office at 6:00 PM and go from there to a nearby restaurant. [D]

On June 22, 1965, at 6:22 PM, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Stanley Levison leave the office building at 1841 Broadway, New York City, where he has office space, and wait on the corner of Broadway and 60th Street, until 6:34 PM, when Clarence Jones came up. From there they went to the Ginger Man Restaurant, 51 West 64th Street, New York City. They entered the restaurant at 6:49 PM. [D]

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16800)  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 6/23/65.

Review of New Orleans file 100-16800 captioned  
 "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C" reflects copy of reairtel  
 and LHM not sent Atlanta.

Enclosed for Atlanta are 2 copies of reairtel  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-731)(C)

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT  
WILSON, N. C. 5/16 - 23/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 5/14/65.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of LHM in captioned matter for the Bureau. Copies being disseminated locally to military intelligence and Secret Service.

b7(D) b7(C) [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] Wilson, N. C. contacted by SA [redacted]

Set forth hereinafter are identities of sources contacted on indicated dates with negative results. It is noted some of these contacts were made prior to submission of referenced airtel.

b7(C) [redacted] contacted [redacted]  
b7(D) [redacted] contacted [redacted] by SAs [redacted]

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[REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted 5/5/65 by SA [REDACTED]

No further action is contemplated by the Charlotte Division  
in this matter.



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1120 Jefferson Standard Life Building  
Charlotte, North Carolina, 28202  
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RE: ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AT WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 16 - 23, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memoranda captioned as above  
dated May 4, 1965 and May 14, 1965 at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sources familiar with activities of the United Klans  
of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were contacted  
and advised that no information had been received regarding a  
plot to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING at Wilson, North  
Carolina or any other place in the United States.

Further, they have all stated that no information  
had been received concerning any plan of the United Klans of  
America to appropriate any money to be paid to the killer of  
MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] been recon-  
tacted concerning this matter; however, both have stated they  
now consider this matter closed as they have received no  
additional information pertaining to this matter and their  
investigation had determined that MARTIN LUTHER KING had not  
visited Wilson, North Carolina, during the above period and,  
for that matter, they have not received any other information  
to indicate he intended to visit Wilson.

A characterization of United Klans of America, Inc.,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, appears in the appendix to this  
memorandum.

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NORTH CAROLINA)  
(UNITED KLANS)

On August 17, 1964, a source advised that the North Carolina organization of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, became affiliated with the national organization of the same group in the Spring of 1961. The State Headquarters are at the residence of North Carolina Grand Dragon JAMES ROBERTSON JONES, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, who is subordinate to the national organization with headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The organization in North Carolina has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, advocacy of segregation of the races and white supremacy.



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Charlotte, North Carolina  
June 21, 1965

Title	ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AT WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA MAY 16 - 23, 1965
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina dated June 21, 1965, captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/30/65

FROM : *JDA* SAC, Philadelphia (157-1498) (C)

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY, SUMMER OF 1965,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., AND SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;

RM

(OO: Philadelphia)

Re Philadelphia airtel 5/4/65.

*b7(D)* [REDACTED] advised that there is no further indication that the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is planning a Civil Rights campaign in Philadelphia this summer.

*b7(D)* [REDACTED]

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  - 1 - 157-1498
  - 1 - 100-46230 (DR. M. L. KING)
  - 1 - 100-47194 (SCLC)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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 (OO:AT)

ReATairtel and LHM, dated 6/16/65.

Referenced LHM sets forth information concerning one Dr. MAURICE DAWKINS being in contact with the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). DAWKINS left a telephone number of 382-6875 where he could be reached in Washington, D.C. DAWKINS also stated that he wanted to arrange a meeting between KING and Mr. WILLIAM HADDAD, Assistant Director, Office of Economic Opportunity.

It was ascertained through several pretext telephone calls made by SA [REDACTED] on 6/21/65 and 6/23/65, that Dr. MAURICE DAWKINS is employed in the Office of Economic Opportunity and is apparently an Assistant to the Assistant Director, WILLIAM F. HADDAD. It was also ascertained that DAWKINS resides at 244 G Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., and that his telephone number there is 737-7839. The telephone number of 382-6875 furnished in referenced communications is answered by a female as "Dr. DAWKINS' office." The Information Service of the Office of Economic Opportunity advised that Dr. MAURICE DAWKINS' office extension was 382-3931 and the address of this office is 1200 - 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

William Frederick Haddad

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For info of the Bureau, WILLIAM FREDERICK HADDAD is subject of Bufile 161-372. Bureau airtel to WFO, 2/12/64, reflects HADDAD's employment with Peace Corps terminated. Apparently he has returned to the Office of Economic Opportunity, commonly referred to as the Domestic Peace Corps.

A LHM from LA, dated 8/6/63, entitled "March On Washington, August 28, 1963," reflects "another source" had identified Reverend MAURICE DAWKINS as a Los Angeles Minister and member of the Executive Committee of the NAACP and the United Civil Rights Committee. This source also advised that DAWKINS had been appointed the Los Angeles head of the March on Washington.

The above info is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Atlanta office. No further investigation being conducted by WFO at present.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of June 24th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Sanford, North Carolina

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Hoover,

It is all but impossible to get the whole truth from Newspapers and News Magazines concerning the situation as to what extent the Negro revolt in America is instigated and fed by Communists. Since, I was reared in the belief that we are all God's children with a free choice, some having accepted Christ and endeavoring to live as He taught and others having not accepted Him lived by their own desires, I try very hard not to be bigoted or prejudiced.

Somehow, during the past few months I have begun to question the motives of Dr. Martin Luther King in the light of Christian truth as I see it. Knowingly, I would never do anything to hamper the establishment of The Kingdom of God in the hearts of men, by virtue of this fact, I could never do anything to foster Communism in America or in any other part of the world. In August Dr. King is to speak at Montreat, N. C., which is the summer conference grounds of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) of which I am a member. I have been told by many that I owe it to myself and to Dr. King to hear what he has to say. I am confused. Not being one to necessarily stand with the crowd, I don't mind standing alone, if I am sure I am right. However, I am not sure if he has any connections with the communist party, consequently I am asking for help from your department. I have just read from the Congressional Record the report of Mr. Dickinson of Alabama on the March on Montgomery and I am more confused.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

RE:                   BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
                      (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)  
 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
 RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Cincinnati airtel dated 6/3/65; Cincinnati teletype to Bureau 6/18/65, and Bulet dated 6/8/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM; for Atlanta three copies of LHM, and for all other offices one copy of LHM since they received copies of referenced Bulet.

One copy of this LHM is being designated locally to 109th INTC Group, OSI, WPAFB, ONI, Columbus, and two copies for Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio.

b(2) b(7)(D) [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

- 4 - Bureau (3-157-168) (Enc. 9) (RM)  
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- 3 - Atlanta (2- 157- ) (Enc. 3)  
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- 1 - Jackson (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Savannah (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 6 - Cincinnati (1- 100-14700) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
 (1- 157-210)  
 (1- 157-245) (NKKKK)  
 (1- 157-280) (Major Urban Areas)  
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[REDACTED] who furnished information to SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Bureau is aware of [REDACTED] past activities  
and has requested the Cincinnati Division to accept but not  
solicit information from her.

Activities and contacts of KING in Yellow Springs,  
Ohio, area will be furnished Bureau under caption of "MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C."



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PROPOSED ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S  
VISIT TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO,  
JUNE 19, 1965

Reference is made to communication dated June 3, 1965, captioned "Proposed Activities By National Knights Of The Ku Klux Klan Upon Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Visit to Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, June 19, 1965."

On June 18, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of this date there is no information the Ku Klux Klan plans to protest or conduct activities at Antioch College while Martin Luther King, Jr. is in the Yellow Springs, Ohio, area.

On the same date, another source who has not furnished enough information in the past to determine extent of reliability, determined that the Klan could not "muster" enough people to burn crosses in the vicinity of Yellow Springs and do not plan to conduct activities in or near Yellow Springs, Ohio, June 18 or 19, 1965.

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[REDACTED] Yellow Springs, Ohio, furnished the following information:

Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived at Cox Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio, June 18, 1965, and from there was escorted by the Yellow Springs Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to Yellow Springs, Ohio. King and his wife stayed overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawson, 430 West Limestone Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

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RE: PROPOSED ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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According to [REDACTED] Reverend King gave the commencement address at Antioch College, entitled "Facing The Challenge of a New Age." In his address, King advocated and stressed peace in Vietnam and an end to segregation in the United States.

During the time King was in Yellow Springs, Ohio, no Klan activities took place, and no incidents relating to King's visit were brought to the attention of his office.

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## A P P E N D I X

### NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Chairman.

## A P P E N D I X

### NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF OHIO, INC. (NKKKK)

On October 8, 1964, Karen Crabtree, Clerk, Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, State of Ohio, advised public records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio. The charter was filed under Certificate Number 10194, and the Corporation Number is 334111.

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a realm organization within the State of Ohio and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. Second, to promote patriotism toward the civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, love among ourselves, liberty, justice and patriotic association for the mutual benefit of all mankind.

The incorporation papers were signed by Flynn R. Harvey, Grand Dragon. Flynn R. Harvey, 418 Josephine Drive, Columbus, Ohio; William K. Smith, 3482 Maple Grove Drive, Grove City, Ohio; and Bobby J. Stephens, 2973 Reaver Avenue, Grove City, Ohio, are the corporation trustees.

On October 23, 1964, Frederick W. Lentz, Corporation Counsel, State House, Secretary of State's Office, State of Ohio, advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.'s charter granted October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964, for the official reason that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Organization was on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list. Mr. Lentz said the actual purpose for revocation of the charter was not because the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list, but because it was felt the existence of a state granted charter would encourage the Klan to make the claim it was "state sanctioned" and therefore entirely legitimate.

In actuality the Ku Klux Klan and not the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM: of SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: CIRM  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau nine copies of a  
letterhead memorandum containing information furnished by  
[REDACTED] on 6/16/65, concerning a conversation between  
STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES on that date.

- 4- Bureau (100-442529) (Encls 9) (RM)
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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 16, 1965, that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones. Jones commented that he had heard that Adam (Clayton Powell, United States Congressman from New York City) wants to get together with Martin (Luther King) to have a lengthy conference in depth with no publicity. According to Jones, Adam said Martin knows his, Adams', opinion of Bayard Rustin and some other people he has around him. Adam thinks that he and Martin have a lot of things of mutual interest, and, Jones continued, it will be assured that there will be no publicity. (X)(u)

Levison inquired if Jones had heard anything from Harry (Wachtel). Jones said he had, that Harry told him that Jones, Wachtel, and Levison are authorized to do something which Jones could not recall. Levison felt it might be in connection with a conference in the fall, getting some ideas, and Jones thought that might be it. (X)(u)

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Jones stated that he told Wachtel that Levison will be a constructive addition to the Research Committee (Martin Luther King and his advisors). Jones also told Levison that the thing on Sunday (King's speech at the graduation exercises of Hofstra University on Sunday, June 13, 1965) was a complete bust. He said he received complaints from Saul Mills and several other friends that King was an hour and a half late at the Hofstra commencement exercises and kept everyone waiting. Jones added that King was booed by right wing people and the faculty was "up in arms". He said King arrived when they were getting ready to have someone substitute for him. (S) (u)

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in May, 1950, that Saul Mills was one of those persons whom he knew to be a concealed Communist. (u)

On June 29, 1950, the confidential source advised that during the 1940s up until 1945, he knew Saul Mills personally as a member of the CP. (u)

On May 28, 1956, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that she knew Saul Mills as a member of the CP all through the period 1938-1947. The source stated that Mills had been one of the most important persons in the CP and could be considered on the level with William Z. Foster (who was Chairman of the CP, USA during this period). The source further advised that she attended literally hundreds of meetings of the CP, at which Saul Mills was present, as well as hundreds of Trade Union meetings run by the CP. In respect to Saul Mills' knowledge of the CP nature of these meetings, the source stated that there is no question but that Mills was cognizant at the time they were official meetings of the CP. The source stated that she observed Saul Mills in 1944, at a meeting called by the National Committee of the CP, and observed him at a meeting of top functionaries of the CP, held following the 1944 convention, at which time Mills delivered a speech. (u)

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On May 25, 1956, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in the late 1930's and early 1940's, Saul Mills was looked upon as being a highly trustworthy person and one whose word could be accepted and acted upon with respect to action the CP might take in regard to discipline cases involving individuals known to Mills. ~~SECRET~~ (u)

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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# Communist Influence In Racial Matters

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. ~~X~~ (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. u

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